



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

## Special Mobile Equipment Plates

Legal definition (MCL 257.62):

‘Special mobile equipment’ means every vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and incidentally operated or moved over the highways, including farm tractors, road construction or maintenance machinery, mobile office trailers, mobile tool shed trailers, mobile trailer units used for housing stationary construction equipment, ditch-digging apparatus, and well-boring and well-servicing apparatus. The foregoing enumeration shall be considered partial and shall not operate to exclude other vehicles which are within the general terms of this definition. Although not within the general terms of this definition, the combination of a mobile car crusher trailer permanently attached to a truck tractor or road tractor shall be considered special mobile equipment for purposes of this act.

A vehicle not specifically listed above can be classified as Special Mobile Equipment, if it meets **all** the following tests:

1. Not designed for transporting persons or property over the highway
2. Not used primarily for such purposes
3. Only incidentally operated or moved over the highway.

Special Mobile Equipment license plates are issued to specific vehicles and are not transferable. To apply for a Special Mobile Equipment plate, submit the following:

- A completed certification statement, giving the vehicle's year, make, body style, and vehicle identification number and certifying the type of use and the approximate number of times the vehicle will be driven or moved over the highway annually
- A photocopy of the vehicle's title or bill of sale
- Photographs of the **side** and **rear** of the vehicle. Photographs are required only when you first apply for the license plates. No new photographs are needed at renewal unless the body style has been changed.
- Proof of Michigan No-Fault Insurance
- A check or money order made out to the "State of Michigan" for the plate fees. The first three plates cost \$15 each; additional plates are \$5 each.

Note: These plates are **not required** on Special Mobile Equipment. The plates are for identification only. Plate purchase is **optional** because Special Mobile Equipment vehicles are not required to display license plates.

## Owner Information

## Equipment Information

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